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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Request from the Director, Office of Defense Mobilization for CIA Attendance at Congressional Hearings on the FCC Budget for Additional Radio Monitoring.

REFERENCE: Letter from Mr. Arthur S. Flemming, Director ODM, dated 7 January 1954, above subject.

1. Reference (Enclosure 1) requested:

a. CIA representation at hearings of the FCC budget presentation for subject radio monitoring facilities before the appropriate Congressional Committee on 14 January, and

b. That the CIA representatives attend a preliminary discussion in the Office of the Assistant Director for Telecommunications, Office of Defense Mobilization, on Monday, 11 January.

2. The Assistant Director for Telecommunications, ODM, specifically requested my presence at both the preliminary discussions and also at the Congressional hearings. I attended the preliminary discussions in company

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3. On Tuesday, 12 January, I, together with General Counsel, Mr. Lawrence Houston, met with General Cabell to consider whether or not it would be desirable to have CIA representatives appear before the Congressional Committee in support of the FCC presentation.

4. General Cabell directed that I discuss this matter with the Assistant Director, Scientific Intelligence. This was done on Wednesday, 13 January and Dr. Chadwell and I recommended to General Cabell that we not permit CIA attendance at the hearings but that a statement be given the Office of Defense Mobilization which could be used at the hearings. This statement (Enclosure 2) which was concurred in by AD/SI and the General Counsel

was forwarded by me on Wednesday, 13 January to the Assistant Director for Telecommunications, ODM (hand carried by my Deputy).

5. A proposed draft reply to the reference is attached as Enclosure 3.

Assistant Director for Communications

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Attachments:

- 1 - Ltr fm Dir, ODM, dtd 7 Jan 54
- 2 - Statement
- 3 - Proposed Ltr to Dir, ODM fm DCI

cc: Gen Counsel (Enc 2 sent to Gen Counsel 13 Jan)(Enc 3 will be sent frm
AD/SI (Enc2 sent to AD/SI on 13 Jan) Ex Reg when signed by DCI)